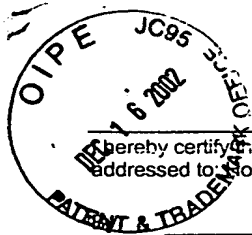


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed June 10, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendment in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination. The period for response to the Office Action is extended for three months to Tuesday, December 10, 2002. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 6-8, 22, 26-31, and 33-36.

Replace claims 10, 11, 23, and 32 with the following claims.

10. (Twice amended) A host cell transformed or transfected with the polynucleotide of claim 23, wherein said polynucleotide is expressed under conditions sufficient for expression.